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MORE OF McMILLAN

Upon second and further consideration it is evident that the friends of Mr. Rich are greatly alarmed and that the early calling of the state convention was made to check the progress of the movement for the nomination of Mayor Pingree. The same attempt to manipulate party machinery that was made by the politicians to nominate Blaine is made by the McMillan machine to nominate Mr. Rich. No criticism can be made on the meeting of the committee at Minneapolis, for that was openly called, and nobody presented any objection or protest to the decision made by the committee. But since the announcement of the date for holding the state convention the machine men have made themselves obnoxious to the public sense of fairness in boasting that McMillan and the machine have scored a knockout on Pingree by fixing the date in advance of the usual time. This is the second instance of the prostitution of power and influence by McMillan. In the first he declared himself to be hostile to Mayor Pingree, and that while holding the position of chairman of the state central committee. It was an unparalleled presumption and an insult to every republican. Now while copying the same position he has manipulated the machinery under his control to the end that Mr. Pingree may be defeated. The Herald does not believe that McMillan dare thus to assume to dictate and imperiously control the republican party of this state. It believed that the call for the convention was an honorable and a republican-like call. It is therefore surprised to observe that the machine under its boss is determined to nominate Rich on the theory of "the public be damned." Such base and sinister designs only serve to show the hollow and weakness of the Rich movement. If Mr. Rich can afford to be a party to such contemptible narrowness and the blind arrogance of a purr-purp dictator, then the republicans of the state can afford to endure two years more of Accident Winans. Every step taken by the Rich leaders has been a tricky one. They declare that Rich is entitled to the nomination and that he will be nominated. Why do they not give his opponent, a true gentleman, soldier and patriot, a fair, unprejudiced trial? Simply because they know the people are tired of the officeholder and chronic officeholder, and they are afraid to give the people a fair and unprejudiced opportunity to be heard and to vote. Mr. Pingree will not suffer because of the perfidy and malignancy of McMillan.

DAVE HILL

From now and until the democratic convention meets the papers will be filled with stories purporting to tell what Dave Hill will do. One of the most recent stories yet sprung is that Dave will take the left horn of the dilemma and turn the unfavorable drift of sentiment by presenting the name of Grover Cleveland. This is a very rich joke, or intended to be. Dave is a great politician, but when the date arrives in which he shall stultify himself in singing the praises of Grover there will be icicles on the front gates of Gehenna. Dave is a politician, a shrewd, unscrupulous politician, and he knows too much to get up before an audience composed of Cleveland fanatics and say pretty things about Grover's ability, patriotism and avowedness. No, sirs, Dave is not in the pangs of business, especially at his own funeral. He will remain in New York, and profess to be unconcerned while all the time the telegraph wires will be meeting under the strain of his rapid orders for his half-dozen lieutenants to fire in the rear if they can't get a show in front.

BLAINE FOR SENATOR

There is something inspiring in the news that the republicans of Maine will return James G. Blaine to the United States senate. His eminent services to his country demand that he shall not go into the obscurity of private life, and no more fitting testimonial to his worth could be paid than by investing him again with the senatorial dignity which he cheerfully laid aside to enter upon the duties of a no less dignified position, that of secretary of state. No man in America today so completely typifies the true American. No man is held in higher esteem by the masses. He is made the butt of ridicule by partisan satirists and cartoonists for political effect, but even the most vindictive and abusive of these recognize the brilliancy of his intellect and the force of his character. He has been mercilessly maligned by political opponents, and yet they admire the qualities of his statesmanship which they so fiercely ridicule. He has been misrepresented and misunderstood, yet the rugged Americanism of the man has asserted itself and he has ridden down cold malice and detraction, and is today the pride of every patriot who loves his country and its institutions. Therefore there is no person so calumnied to the eternal shame of things that he will not had with satisfaction the report that this great man will enter the senate again. His recent experiences appeal to the sympathies of his countrymen. He was not defeated as a candidate who sought for place. He had declined to be a candidate, but his im-

some friends in their eagerness to honor him as he worthily deserved to be honored placed him in a position where to retreat was to be subject to unfeeling calumny. With a bravery and unselfishness possessed by few he laid down his official honors and quietly went to his home in Maine, where, forgetting that he was the most conspicuous figure before the late convention, he predicted that the ticket nominated will be triumphantly elected. During his long career, punctuated at intervals by great disappointments, he has never swerved from the principles of his party, never forgotten a friend nor unprovokedly humiliated an enemy. He is without a peer in the affection of the people, without an equal in the arts of diplomacy, without a superior in statesmanship and manly integrity. His splendid abilities should be retained to grace the highest and greatest body of lawmakers in the world.

INSPECTION OF PUBLIC BATHS.

Many timely lessons and salutary suggestions may be drawn from the burning of Powers' opera house last Saturday. The progress of the fire corroborated the suspicions long held by many that the structure was frail and weak. The walls in the Arcade swayed out of line from the force of a stream of water. The north wall of two thicknesses of brick is a cause for marvel that it supported the three gallery tiers so long. The fire may be a misfortune and a loss to the owner, but it may also in one sense be a blessing—for possibly a more appalling catastrophe involving loss of life has been averted. The question is asked, why has this building not been inspected and a report made as to its condition? It is customary in other cities and should be the practice here to inspect all theaters and halls once a year. This inspection ought to be carefully made, and the result and true condition of such buildings should be published without fear or favor. Such a report will inspire and reassure the confidence of the public. While the idea is ripe would it not be a good plan for the board of inspectors to at once investigate the theaters and halls in the city as to their safety durability and convenience of ingress and egress?

When the republicans of Michigan are to be led by a halter into a state convention and made to nominate the candidate of Boss McMillan it will be a chilly campaign for the nominee, whoever he may be. But the republicans of Michigan will not be led. Boss McMillan will do well to come down off his altitudinous perch or he'll be knocked off.

From the manner in which some newspapers discuss the Minneapolis platform it is evident that they take it for granted that the great majority of persons are unable to apprehend plain English. It is a model of perspicuity and directness and nobody but a New Mexico greaser or Georgia mulecracker could fail to understand its plain and unequivocal declarations.

Last evening the Auditorium in Chicago was packed from orchestra rail to lobby with an enthusiastic throng of republicans gathered to ratify the nomination of Harrison and Reid. McKinley and others delivered addresses. Already the ticket finds a spontaneous endorsement.

A review of a ride through Michigan with Mr. Blaine when he was a candidate for the presidency in 1884, contributed by a member of THE HERALD staff this morning, will recall the exciting events of that memorable campaign to hosts of republicans in western Michigan.

COL. ELLIOTT F. SHEPARD of the New York Mail and Express pays a high compliment to Whitelaw Reid of the Tribune and promises to support him with as much zeal and enthusiasm as though he were not the editor and proprietor of a rival newspaper.

CLEVELAND refuses to say anything about Harrison's nomination. He remembers a very painful episode that happened four years ago in November and he doesn't care to aggravate the matter by reference to a future certainty.

HENRY WATERBURY frankly admits that Harrison and Reid form the strongest ticket the republican party could have nominated. Meanwhile the prospective nomination of Cleveland causes Henry to tear his hair nights.

CHARLES H. HACKLEY has again demonstrated the unselfishness of his great heart in giving \$3,000 to the teachers' department of the Hackley assembly. Mackageon has every reason to be proud of its princely philanthropy.

COLONEL L. L. FOLEY, president of the Farmers' Alliance, died at Washington Saturday. He was the most brilliant member of the alliance party, and his death is a severe blow to the organization.

Last night's storm played havoc with the telegraph wires in all directions, and the regular press dispatches were intercepted and delayed until too late to be available for use this morning.

CHAUNCEY DEWEY denies that he is to succeed Mr. Blaine "either now or in the future." The genial antoctor of the dinner table works for political principles and not for political spoils.

CHICAGO is going to clean her streets preparatory to the democratic convention. That is the highest compliment the party has received in years.

It is to be hoped that the coming campaign may be one free from personal abuse, but hopes don't go much in politics.

GOING TO BE THERE

The Alliance Will Make a Show Next Election.

DAVID HILL'S SHREWDNESS

He Will Probably Nominate Cleveland in Order to Secure the Nomination Four Years From Now.

"If Dave Hill carries out the provisions of the latest political rumor," said C. M. Stebbins of Buffalo, at Sweet's yesterday, "it will be the shrewdest political movement of the campaign. You know it is reported that he will present Cleveland's name at the Chicago convention. This may seem a little wild on the face of it, but it isn't to any one who knows Hill well. He is an ambitious fellow, and he is shrewd and diplomatic too. Zach Chandler in his palmy days was not any more diplomatic and far sighted than the senator from New York. He is a politician in every sense of the term. He knows just as well as anybody that if he makes a big fight for the nomination at Chicago there will be a big split in the democratic party, and that it will result in his political funeral. By nominating Cleveland, and throwing his strength on the side of the republican party, his party stands an even chance of winning the election. Then four years from now he could have the nomination hands down. David Hill is just far sighted enough to do this, and I should be the least surprised to see him rise in the convention next week and nominate Grover Cleveland. 'Do you know, the Farmer's alliance is going to play a prominent part in the election this fall? A good many people seem to think the alliance is a collection of disgruntled old farmers who don't know what they want or where they're going to get it. May be they will make things rather interesting for the old parties at the election next fall.' The republican party will suffer in western and northwestern states and the democratic party in the south. The alliance men claim North Dakota and Kansas, and they may carry four or five other states. I should not be surprised if they carry enough states to throw the republican election into the house. It's a good many years since anything of that kind has happened, but I believe that the prospect are good for it this year."

Gossip of the Hotels.

J. F. Antield, proprietor of the new Fraser house of West Bay City, was a guest at Sweet's yesterday.

Ex-Congressman F. W. Wheeler of West Bay City took breakfast at the Morton yesterday morning.

J. L. Lewis of Benton Harbor and C. L. Hecox of Greenville were among the Michigan arrivals at Sweet's yesterday.

E. O. Rose, manager of the Arlington hotel at Petoskey, was among the arrivals at the Morton yesterday.

W. W. Oliver and C. D. Beebe of Kalamazoo were quartered at the Morton yesterday.

H. M. Worden, an Ionia lawyer, was among yesterday's Michigan arrivals at the Morton.

C. L. Bailey of Menominee and H. Ballou of Cadillac are at the Morton.

The hotels are beginning to experience trouble with their waiters on account of the opening of the resort season.

E. P. Barnard, a wealthy Menominee banker and lumberman, was a guest at Sweet's yesterday.

OLD SETTLERS' PICNIC.

Arrangements Made for the Event Yesterday.

The committee on arrangements appointed at a meeting of the Old Residents' association of Grand River valley Saturday met at the city hall yesterday afternoon. The committee consisted of the following gentlemen: W. N. Cook, James A. Rumsey, W. D. Telford, Charles W. Calkins, William Johnson and Reuben Smith of this city and C. B. Stone of Lowell, Luman L. Jenison of Jenison. W. N. Cook was called to the chair. The committee decided that Thursday, June 23, should be made the date of the annual picnic. This date is especially significant as it is the anniversary of the arrival of Joel Guild and his family in this city. The date of the picnic marks the sixtieth anniversary of the event. It is also the eighty-second birthday of Aunt Harriet Burdette, the first bride in the valley, and daughter of Joel Guild. The committee decided to invite some prominent citizen to make a brief address. The names of Charles W. Calkins and E. G. D. Holden were mentioned. Others were invited upon for impromptu speeches. Messrs. Rumsey and Telford have the arrangements for obtaining speakers in charge. Adrian Johnson will look after the arrangements for street railroad facilities and transfers. The Rev. George N. Smith, son of the earliest settler, a family of Indians at Grandville, will be asked to make a prayer, and it is hoped that R. C. Crawford may be induced to prepare a poem for the occasion. E. J. Herrick will be asked to select a quartet composed of the descendants of the old families. After completing these plans the committee adjourned until 2 p. m. Saturday, when it will go to Reed's lake to make arrangements with Warren Sweetland for the use of the grounds on June 23.

ANOTHER PRINCIPAL GIFT.

The Hon. Charles H. Hackley Remembers the Teachers.

The executive committee of the State Teachers' association is called to meet at Hackley park, Muskegon, Saturday, June 19, at 12 noon to take action on a matter of great importance. It has just transpired that Mr. Hackley before his departure for Minneapolis, gave to the Hackley Park Association \$3,000 for the State Teachers' association of Michigan. The Rev. Mr. Reid of this city at once notified the president, Professor Henry French of Kalamazoo, who responded as follows:

Kalamazoo Public Schools.

June 8, 1897.

The Rev. J. W. Reid, Secretary, Grand Rapids, Mich.

My dear Sir: Yours of yesterday reached. The importance of Mr. Hackley's gift to which you call my attention, and its probable effect upon the future of the State Teachers' association, I deem of sufficient importance to warrant a call of the executive committee. I therefore accept your invitation, and will request the committee to meet upon the grounds Saturday, June 19, at 12 noon. Yours very respectfully,

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Passenger Agent George DeHaven at once met the movement of Mr. Hackley's with their characteristic enterprise, and secured Mr. Reid that day to Hackley's park Saturday, June 18, a special coach for the teachers will be run from this city. Prof. Fisher of this city and Prof. Chalmers and Schurts of Grand Rapids are taking a lively interest in this gathering of teachers.

LOSS TO THE DIOCESE.

The Rev. Fr. Graft Transferred—Catholic Notes.

The Rev. Gustavus Graft of St. Joseph's church, Wright, was the guest of the Rev. Fr. Schmitt at St. Mary's rectory yesterday. He was on his way to Albany, in which diocese he will hereafter labor, having secured an exact from Bishop Richter. Fr. Graft is a pious, learned and energetic priest, and his withdrawal is a considerable loss to the diocese of Grand Rapids. The church at Wright will be supplied from St. Andrew's cathedral until after the annual retreat, which occurs next month.

Thursday is the feast of Corpus Christi, and high mass will be celebrated at the cathedral on that day at 8 o'clock, but as it is no longer a holy day of obligation the solemnity will be observed Sunday with solemn high mass and procession, with the blessed sacrament.

The Rev. Eustrope Langlois, a young French priest of the diocese of Quebec, will arrive here tonight on the Quebec. He will remain at the cathedral for a couple of months, when he will probably be assigned to one of the French parishes in northern Michigan.

St. Andrew's parochial school closes June 30, when a numerous class will be graduated. The present daily attendance is 500. The Sisters of Charity in charge will return to the mother house, Cedar Grove, Cincinnati, July 1.

The Revs. Kyran Whalen, John Bernholt, James Murray and Stanislaus Levanowski will be elevated to the priesthood at St. Andrew's cathedral June 29.

The Rev. Fr. Poulin has returned from a short visit to Montreal.

TALKING ABOUT A THEATER.

An Expressed Conviction Among Citizens That One Will Be Built.

There is considerable talk about town on the prospects of building a new theater in Grand Rapids. Opinions have been freely interchanged among business men and capitalists as to plans and location, and all agree that a theater is needed and should be built at once. None of this speculation, however, yet developed any definite form, but many seem to think that by some little agitation it would not be difficult to organize a stock company for the purpose of building a suitable and handsome temple of the drama. Quite a number of citizens spoke of the Hon. D. H. Waters with the suggestion that his lot would be a convenient and desirable location for such a structure. Mr. Waters listened but did not commit himself to any opinion. He certainly has an opportunity for perpetuating his name in a grand enterprise that would be welcomed with delight by the public. The impression seems to prevail that a first class theater is a necessity and a conviction that necessity will find its way.

FOUND IN THE RUINS.

A Picture of the Guards Is Found Uninjured.

During the recent production of the "Pirates of Penzance" at Powers' opera house, for the benefit of the Grand Rapids Guards, a portion of the stage decorations consisted of a large picture of the "Old Guard," many of whom have worn the star in the state service. The picture is valued very highly by the members of the guard. It was stored in the property room of the house, and the picture was found up as lost; but yesterday it was found by the workmen in a perfect state of preservation. Not a nail or scratch was to be found upon it. The glass even was not broken. It was taken to the armory, and now hangs in its former place. Last night the picture was bowed down to by the boys, who consider it an example of the "survival of the fittest."

ODD FELLOWS EXCURSION.

The Kalamazoo Brethren Will Visit This City.

Representatives from all the lodges of Odd Fellows in the city held a meeting at the hall of lodge No. 11, in the Tower block last night, to make arrangements for the reception of the Kalamazoo brethren on Thursday, the annual excursion of the Kalamazoo Odd Fellows. There will be 500 visitors. They will be met at the Union depot by the local lodges and a band of music. They will be escorted to Canoe place, where the procession will be dismissed. The excursionists will spend the day at North park and Reed's lake.

OVERCOME BY THE HEAT.

Mrs. Goodwill in a Precarious Condition.

Mrs. Mary A. Goodwill of Caledonia street was overcome by the oppressive heat yesterday and she lay in an unconscious condition for some time. The victim had called at the residence of Mrs. Brooks on Reed street, having walked to that place from her home. Soon after her arrival she was found in an unconscious condition. Her jaws were firmly set and her muscles were in a rigid state. Dr. Dunham was summoned and administered restoratives. He worked over the patient for a half hour before a favorable change was made. Goodwill is now in a precarious condition last evening.

Slight Sunstroke.

Peter Funnep, a laborer employed at Junkman & Reel's planing mill, received a slight sunstroke yesterday morning. The ambulance took him to his home, No. 304 Grandville avenue.

CITY PRESS COMMENT.

The issues of the campaign are fairly and clearly defined—or will be when Grover Cleveland has been placed in nomination by the democracy. President Harrison represents protection to American industries in the fullest and broadest sense of the words. Grover Cleveland represents the theory of free trade which prefers to make itself under the pseudonym of "tariff reform." The issues will therefore be squarely joined; let the public decide—Eagle.

There is much discussion as to why Blaine was defeated in Minneapolis. But Senator Wolcott had the whole picture of the election in a nutshell when he said: "The other fellows had the votes."—Democrat.

Boies and victory of Cleveland and defeat, is the simple problem that will confront the delegates to the Chicago convention.—Leader.

HAD A GOOD TIME

Maccabees Celebrate Their Eleventh Anniversary

WITH MUSIC AND FEASTING

Speeches Are Made Reciting the Growth and Development of the Order and Evincing Good Fellowship.

North Park pavilion contained a crowd of 250 joyful knights and lady Maccabees last evening, who had gathered to celebrate the eleventh anniversary of the organization of their order. The spacious pavilion was brilliantly lighted and the doors and windows were thrown open, admitting a free circulation of the cool evening breezes. A musical and literary program was rendered with John Otto as master of ceremonies. The Rev. Campbell Fair, D. D., was to have given the anniversary address, but was unavoidably absent. I. A. Ka. Van Dugteren, commander of Batavia tent, was substituted for the speaker of the evening. He took the subject "Looking Forward," and entertained his hearers for a short time with the theme and its applications to the order of Maccabees. The order was presented as an educator, morally and socially. The monarch, parade of Sunday was alluded to with pride and satisfaction. The speaker was interrupted at intervals by cheers from his hearers. He closed by stating that the members will continue with renewed efforts to work around the altar consecrated to love and charity.

At the close of Mr. Van Dugteren's address a pleasing program of choice literary and musical selections was rendered. The Amity quartet, composed of C. A. Schelcher, first tenor; George E. Rogers, second; B. A. Boer, first bass, and John Hansen, second bass, sang the "Chinese Serenade," which was greeted with applause. "Recollections of Home," a piano solo by Miss Carrie Van Dugteren was artistically rendered. John Hansen was applauded after his song, "Answered." Miss Florence Harper gave a comic recitation, and little Miss Adah Van Dugteren, aged 8 years, astonished her hearers by her skill in manipulating the violin. She gave a violin solo that elicited appreciative applause.

The remainder of the program consisted of a piano solo by Miss Sophia Schouten, "Auntie Laurie by Amity quartet, piano solo by Miss Louise Bentley, and a violin solo by Prof. Roomeier. At the conclusion of the program the members adjourned to the banquet hall on the second floor, where a delicious spread was partaken of. Following is the menu: Cold Tongue a la Boynton. Cold Ham a la Linton. Lobster Salad. Shrimp Salad. Bread. Crackers. Rolls. Strawberries and Cream. Ice Cream. Cookies. Cake. Cheese. Oolong Tea. Drip Coffee.

The committee on arrangements was composed as follows: L. B. Van Dugteren, S. P. DeVries, William Hagstrom, Fred Borg, C. Verlie, O. F. Reed, F. C. Steinman, James E. Durg, D. E. Frayer, R. L. Lee, B. S. Ayers, H. Hamrick, Willie Coon, O. Alyn, H. H. Enzel, L. J. Kall, H. Hagenholt, C. L. Flynn and J. H. Dockey.

Squires' orchestra rendered music during the banquet and the hall was prettily decorated with numerous hanging baskets of blooming plants. A long list of speakers had been lined up, but owing to the lateness of the hour but few of them were called upon to respond to toasts. Among those who responded were E. P. Mills, "The Press," C. A. Wernette, "Good of the Order," Mr. Wolcott, "The Goat," and Miss Ward, "The L. O. T. M."

Railroad Jottings.

Arthur Matthew of the Detroit, Lansing & Northern general offices, returned yesterday from Detroit where he had been spending Sunday with his parents.

The Chicago & West Michigan will start its fruit train from Holland to Chicago today. This is nearly one week later than last year.

The Detroit Lansing & Northern depot at Williamston was totally destroyed by fire Saturday night.

F. V. Davis, general freight agent of the C. & W. M. and D. L. & N. lines, and E. C. Leavenworth of the G. B. & L. left last night for Detroit to attend the monthly meeting of freight convention of the Central Traffic association which will be held at the Rushmore club, on St. Clair river, near Detroit.

The big clock at the Union depot has returned from Boston, where it had been undergoing treatment for internal trouble.

Sub-Committees Appointed.

The following sub-committees have been announced by the committee on arrangements for opening the court house, July 4:

Program—J. T. Gould, L. A. Solomon, E. C. Woodworth.

Speakers—G. G. Briggs, E. F. Uhl, N. Millen.

Decorations—W. D. Frost, N. D. Emmons, W. F. Woodworth.

Musical—F. E. Skreels, H. B. Proctor, C. E. Hogadone.

Printing and Badges—E. B. Fisher, F. H. Gill, S. T. Colson.

Invitations—Judge Perkins, A. W. Weeks, Judge Grove, M. J. Ulrich, C. R. Harvey.

Seating and Arrangements—J. W. Walker, J. Benjamin, G. W. Parker.

He Directed the Postals.

Andy Fife of the superior court was a very tired man yesterday. Mrs. Fife is corresponding secretary for the St. Cecilia society, and Mr. Fife had allowed himself to be inveigled into addressing 400 postals, calling a meeting of the society for tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock, at the Park Congregational church to consider ways and means for the building of a home for the society. "When I get pulled into this kind of a deal again I'll probably know it," growled Mr. Fife, and Eddie D'Onge, who had been pressed into service, murmured "Me too, Andy."

Kent County Fair.

The regular quarterly meeting of the board of directors of the Kent County Agricultural society will be held this afternoon at the office of Secretary Cox in the Porter block. The question of holding a fair this fall will be brought up for settlement. The meeting will be an open one.

Tree Blown Down.

A large maple tree at the corner of East Fulton street and West Park Place was blown down yesterday afternoon during the wind storm. Nobody

was injured, though a pop corn man's stand is directly under the tree. Workmen at once began clearing away the branches, and in two hours the street was open for traffic again.

China Decorators.

The china decorators of Detroit have organized a club with the view of an exhibit at the world's fair in 1893. China painters from all parts of the state who desire to join the club are requested to send their names as early as possible. A copy of the constitution and by-laws will be sent on application to the corresponding Secretary, Miss Addie Higham, No. 29 Adelaide street, Detroit.

Invite Them to Camp.

At a meeting of the Grand Rapids Guards held last evening the action taken at the last meeting to give a banquet and ball to those who had assisted in the presentation of the "Pirates of Penzance" was reconsidered. It is probable that transportation will be furnished, and they will be given an invitation to spend one day at camp as the guests of Company B.

Press Club Meeting.

This evening the adjourned regular meeting of the Press club will be held in the club rooms at 7:30 o'clock. Several important matters will be brought before the club for consideration. The result of the Niagara Falls excursion will be reported and the committee on rooms will submit the question of new quarters. It is desired that every member will be present.

High School Alumni.

The annual meeting of the Alumni association of the Grand Rapids high school will be held Thursday evening, June 16, at the central high school building. On account of